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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6712

BILL NUMBER: HB 1365

DATE PREPARED: Dec 12, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Veterans' Burial Allowance.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill permits counties to set the amount of the veterans' burial allowance with the amount of the allowance not to exceed \$1,000.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Under current law, counties may pay up to \$100 for the care of a body and up to \$25 for a burial plot in the event of the death of an active duty service person or a veteran, or their spouse or widow(er). The total payment for care and a burial plot may not exceed \$100.

This bill would allow counties to set the payment as high as \$1,000. The payment would not be tied to any specific service, care, or burial plot purchase. Since this provision would increase the maximum amount that counties may specify for payment in an ordinance, the actual fiscal impact would depend on local action. Burial claims are paid from the county general fund.

Additional Information: According to the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, approximately 15,000 veterans die each year in Indiana.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources: Bill Jackson, Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs.